

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

June 13, 2006

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on June 13, 2006 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli, Kerry Walsh and Jerome Williams.

Also in attendance were: William O'Gara, General Counsel; Octavio Cunha, and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the May 5, 2006 meeting was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was

<u>VOTED:</u>	To approve the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2006.
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The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Robin Bennett

A 53-year-old Custodian for the City of Newport for 26 years and 11 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Barbara Brown

A 58-year-old School Teacher with Gloucester School Department for 25 years and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

David Case

A 53-year-old Laborer with the City of Pawtucket, for 25 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Lynn Cross

A 61-year-old School Teacher with the Providence School Department, for 23 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Mary Hanley

A 49-year-old School Teacher with the Lincoln School Department, for 12 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Diane Labonte

A 41-year-old Housekeeper with the University of RI, for 12 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Kathleen Perry

A 53-year-old Bookkeeping Machine Operator with the MHRH, for 18 years and 5 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Marsha Pisaturo

A 55-year-old School Principle with the Warwick Public School Department, for 16 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement and have her re-examined within one year.

4. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Paula Ciresi

A 40-year-old Firefighter with the Quonset Fire Department, for 10 years and 7 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board deny the application for an accidental disability retirement. As the medical reports did not support accidental disability.

Dennis Krause A 58-year-old School Teacher, with the Providence School Department, for 1 years and 3 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board table the application for an accidental disability retirement. The Sub-Committee requested additional information.

Robert Morrissey A 38-year-old Lieutenant with the North Providence Fire Department, for 16 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an accidental disability retirement.

Diane Wright A 43-year-old Correctional Officer with the Department of Corrections, for 6 years and 2 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an accidental disability retirement.

Mary Zayat

A 52-year-old Parole Counselor with the Department of Corrections, for 6 years and 2 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board Table the application for an accidental disability retirement. The Sub-Committee requested additional Information from the Department of Corrections.

5. **RECONSIDERATION**

Ordinary Disability

Sherry Roberts

A 37-year-old Word Processing Typist with the DCYF, for 13 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and additional information and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board table the application for an ordinary disability retirement and have her be examined by a psychiatrist and have Dr. Ley review Dr. Denby medical reports.

Accidental Disability

Deborah Ambeault

A 48-year-old Custodian with the City of Central Falls, for 5 years and 8 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and additional medical reports and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board table the application for an ordinary disability retirement for the next scheduled meeting to have Dr. Ley present at the meeting to review the additional medical reports.

Nellie Francis

A 48-year-old School Teacher with Providence School Department, for 4 years and 6 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and additional information and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams it was unanimously

VOTED:

To table the application for an accidental disability retirement for the next scheduled meeting.

Peter Prochniak

A 42-year-old Lieutenant with North Smithfield Fire Department, for 19 years and 8 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. William and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board deny the application for an accidental disability retirement. The application for accidental disability does meet the requirements of 45-21-21.

Jeanne Rossi

A 65-year-old Juvenile Program Worker with the RI Training School, for 13 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and additional information and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board table the application for an accidental disability retirement pending receipt of all medical records from 1992 to 2002, from her personal doctor. Also upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and second by Mr. Walsh it was unanimously voted to convene a special meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee to consider the matter of “aggravation of a prior injury” and have legal counsel draft a policy and have Dr. Ley review it.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, it was
unanimously

VOTED:

To adjourn the meeting at 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Octavio F. Cunha
Approved 7/7/06